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SUBJ: INVITATIONS TO BAHAMAS INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS

1. ON MAY 14 I TOLD EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER ADDERLEY THAT DEPARTMENT WAS RECEIVING INQUIRIES FROM INTERESTED MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS AND OTHERS ABOUT ATTENDANCE AT THE BAHAMIAN INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS. I ASKED WHETHER THERE WOULD, IN ADDITION TO THE OFFICIAL DELEGATION, BE ANY OTHER CATEGORY OF INVITEES AS " FRIENDS OF THE BAHAMAS", AS WAS DONE AT JAMAICAN INDEPENDENCE, FOR EXAMPLE. ADDERLEY EMPHASIZED THAT THERE WOULD NOT; THE GOBI WOULD HAVE ITS HANDS FULL WITH THE OFFICIAL DELEGATIONS AND HE ASKED THAT WE DISCOURAGE SUCH INQUIRIES.

2. SINCE THE, GOVERNMENTHOUSE HAS INFORMED US THAT, CONTRARY TO THIS INFORMATION, THE GOBI IS GOING AHEAD TO INVITE SOME SEVENTY- PLUS INDIVIDUALS ADDITIONALLY. THESE FALL INTO THREE CATEGORIES: A, B AND C, BUT THE DISTINCTION IS NOT CLEAR.

36 AMERICANS ARE INCLUDED, AS FOLLOWS:

CATEGORY A:

REP. AND MRS (SIC) DANIEL FLOOD

REP. AND MRS. W. R. POAGE

DR. AND MRS. CHEEK OF HOWARD U.

REP. AND MRS. (SIC) OTTO PASSMAN

CATEGORY B:

FLORIDA GOV. AND MRS. ASKEW

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SEN. AND MRS. EDWARD KENNEDY
MR. AND MRS. SULZBERGER - N. Y. TIMES
MR. AND MRS. JOH SCHNEIDER - CBS
MR. AND MRS. THOMAS HUGHES - CARNEGIE FOUNDATION
MR. AND MRS. FLOYD HALL - EASTERN AIRLINES
MR. AND MRS. W. T. BEEBEE - DELTA
MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM SEAWELL - PAN AM
MR. AND MRS. JOHN JOHNSON - JOHNSON PUBLICATIONS, CHICAGO
MR. AND MRS. HOBART TAYLOR - WASHINGTON LAWYER

CATEGORY C:

HON. JULIAN BOND - GEORGIA LEGISLATOR
HON. ANDREW YOUNG - ATLANTA CLERGYMAN
MR. LERONE BENNETT, JR. - NEW YORK CITY
MR. STANLEY SCOTT - AST. TO THE PRESIDENT
MR. AND MRS. H. MACK THAXTON - NEW YORK CITY
COL. AND MRS. JOHN SILVERA - RIVERDALE, N. Y.
SEN. AND MRS. GALE MCGHEE

3. GOVERNMENT HOUSE HAS NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR THESE INVITATIONS AND ASKS THAT THIS INFORMATION BE TREATED CONFIDENTIALLY. WHEN AN OPPORTUNITY ARISES TO DO SO WITHOUT PREJUDICING THIS SOURCE, CONGEN WILL SEEK CLARIFICATION WITH GOBI.
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